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## **Obama Administration Announces Additional \$58,050,300 for Local Energy Efficiency Improvements in North Carolina**

*Block Grants to Support Jobs, Cut Energy Bills, and Increase Energy Independence*

**WASHINGTON** – Vice President Joe Biden and Energy Secretary Steven Chu today announced plans to invest \$3.2 billion in energy efficiency and conservation projects in U.S. cities, counties, states, territories, and Native American tribes. This includes \$58,050,300 for state, county and city efforts in North Carolina. A detailed breakdown is below.

Today's announcement builds on an investment of \$207,943,536 in North Carolina weatherization and energy funding announced by the Administration on March 12<sup>th</sup> and detailed at [energy.gov/recovery](http://energy.gov/recovery).

"These investments will save taxpayer dollars and create jobs in communities around the country," said Vice President Biden. "Local leaders will have the flexibility in how they put these resources to work – but we will hold them accountable for making the investments quickly and wisely to spur the local economy and cut energy use."

The Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant program, funded by President Obama's American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, will provide formula grants for projects that reduce total energy use and fossil fuel emissions, and improve energy efficiency.

The funding will support energy audits and energy efficiency retrofits in residential and commercial buildings, the development and implementation of advanced building codes and inspections, and the creation of financial incentive programs for energy efficiency improvements. Other activities eligible for use of grant funds include transportation programs that conserve energy, projects to reduce and capture methane and other greenhouse gas emissions from landfills, renewable energy installations on

government buildings, energy efficient traffic signals and street lights, deployment of Combined Heat and Power and district heating and cooling systems, and others.

To ensure accountability, the Department of Energy will provide guidance to and require grant recipients to report on the number of jobs created or retained, energy saved, renewable energy capacity installed, greenhouse gas emissions reduced, and funds leveraged. Funding is based on a formula that accounts for population and energy use.

“The Block Grants are a major investment in energy solutions that will strengthen America’s economy and create jobs at the local level,” said Secretary Chu. “The funding will be used for the cheapest, cleanest and most reliable energy technologies we have – energy efficiency and conservation – which can be deployed immediately. The grants also empower local communities to make strategic investments to meet the nation’s long term clean energy and climate goals.”

Funding for state, city, and county governments in the state includes:

<b>NC</b>	<b>North Carolina Total Sum City, County, and SEO Allocations</b>	<b>All</b>	<b>\$58,050,300</b>
NC	North Carolina	State Energy Office	\$20,925,300
NC	Asheville	City	\$804,700
NC	Burlington	City	\$223,900
NC	Cary	City	\$1,166,800
NC	Chapel Hill	City	\$554,900
NC	Charlotte	City	\$6,780,100
NC	Concord	City	\$638,800
NC	Durham	City	\$2,173,600
NC	Fayetteville	City	\$1,652,900
NC	Gastonia	City	\$705,700
NC	Goldsboro	City	\$183,600
NC	Greensboro	City	\$2,554,900
NC	Greenville	City	\$777,600
NC	Hickory	City	\$209,300
NC	High Point	City	\$998,600
NC	Huntersville	City	\$175,100
NC	Jacksonville	City	\$781,600
NC	Kannapolis	City	\$170,300
NC	Raleigh	City	\$3,820,400
NC	Rocky Mount	City	\$572,100
NC	Wilmington	City	\$1,039,900
NC	Wilson	City	\$ 214,900
NC	Winston-Salem	City	\$2,262,000
NC	Buncombe	County	\$624,800
NC	Cumberland	County	\$590,700
NC	Davidson	County	\$631,100

NC	Gaston	County	\$525,600
NC	Iredell	County	\$645,100
NC	Johnston	County	\$636,200
NC	Mecklenburg	County	\$649,500
NC	Randolph	County	\$578,200
NC	Union	County	\$751,800
NC	Wake	County	\$3,030,300

In addition, today's announcement includes funding for the following Tribal governments in the state:

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Allocation</b>
NC	Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians of North Carolina	\$253,100

(NOTE: If a Tribal government spans more than one state, the number above reflects the allocation for the Tribal government as a whole.)

More information on the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program is available on [http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/wip/block\\_grants.cfm](http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/wip/block_grants.cfm).

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